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3rd/378th

Upcoming Drill Dates

June

12 - 0600 First Formation
Uniform: PT
0800 – Old Glory Run
Lunch - Postal Center

July 10-11

August 14-15

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Memorial Day Message

From LTG Helmly

"Let us, then, at the time appointed to gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mound above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in the solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

General John A. Logan
Commander, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic

It has been sixty years since American Soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, yet the images of that bloody conflict remain etched as clearly in our minds as though it were yesterday. These members of the Greatest Generation realized the "Gravity of the Moment" as they quietly and bravely rode their Higgins Boats toward the shores of France. It is from these ordinary men, who became heroes through their service, that we draw inspiration and strength to presecute the Global War on Terror today.

Memorial Day is a solemn and sacred day that presents us with the opportunity to reflect, remember and honor the service and sacrifice of military members throughout our nation's history. Originally called Decoration Day, this day was set aside to place flags on Civil War dead in cemeteries across a country starting a journey toward healing the wounds of war. General Logan's words are as fitting today as then. We continue this custom across the nation to honor veterans of all our conflicts. Individual American flags

commemorate our comrade-in-arms who lay at rest in the smallest of cemeteries to the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery.

This Memorial Day finds our Army at war once again loyally serving our nation at war. Our nation will honor our brave and courageous veterans of World War II with the dedication of the World War II Memorial. Built between the monuments of two of our greatest American leaders, Washington and Lincoln, these twentieth century heroes will take their place in history on the National Mall in Washington DC.

For me personally, memories of my time in Vietnam still surface. The lessons I learned there guide my service today. The experience of losing loyal, brave American Soldiers remains fresh in my mind and causes my unrelenting work to train Soldiers and grow leaders for war. Yet, I persevere for I know that I am one of the fortunate ones who made it through in order to make a difference in how we organize, man, train, and equip our Soldiers today. During this Memorial Day weekend I will honor, in my own way, the brothers-in-arms I left behind as a junior officer, as well as the 41 Army Reserve Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in this current war.

One of these 41 heroes was SGT James Harlan of the 660th Transportation Company of Cadiz, Ohio. SGT Harlan was leading a convoy in Iraq when a suicide bomber detonated a car bomb next to his vehicle at Camp Anaconda. After fighting for his life for several hours, SGT Harlan succumbed to massive injuries.

Boots on the Ground

Some news from our deployed soldiers and their families.

Hello

Everything has been going well. SPC Dickey and SPC Henry are out on a mission and Dickey's Platoon will be coming back soon so another Platoon can go out.

Recently, SPC Gilles and SPC White and I have been placing bunkers and barriers. We have a mission coming up.

It is getting hotter here. I saw on a thermometer a couple days ago and it read 119*. - SPC Taylor

Hello everyone,

If you hadn't heard, SPC Henry and myself are doing escort missions. We provide security for convoys ensuring that they are safe from IEDs, VBIEDs, the occasional rock throwers, and small arms fire. We have yet to have a serious attack against us. We credit that to our aggressive style of our convoys, the units that continually patrol the roads.

I also wanted to bring to your attention that I may not be able to come home on leave. Apparently when the 1st AD was extended they gave them our slots. Only a select few will get the privilege to go on leave. As of now, who that entails is still unknown. I ought to know within the next month or so. Anyways the main purpose of this email was to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. I also want to thank all of you for any letters, boxes, or emails that you sent. Knowing we are not forgotten over here helps pull us through this difficult time. Thanks again. - SPC Dickey, Thomas

Hello, I still haven't seen any of the Camel Spiders that everyone keeps talking about. The dining facility food is still good. In my opinion we have plenty of down time, so we can do things like lift weights and watch tv or something like that. Yes, everyone has been promoted to specialist. And to answer you Big question....I have no idea. I would like to say February because that would be a year in theatre but there is a chance of being extended. - SPC Taylor

HRC News Release

Screening of obligated Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers for possible assignment to Army Reserve units

The Army's Human Resources Command - St. Louis (HRC-STL), is identifying Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers with a statutory Military Service Obligation (MSO) remaining for possible assignment to an Army Reserve unit. These Soldiers may be assigned to position vacancy requirements within designated Reserve units based upon the needs of the Army.

At this time, there have been no involuntary assignments of IRR Soldiers to any Army Reserve units. The HRC-STL is identifying IRR Soldiers for possible assignment. HRC-STL is responsible for the management of all Army IRR soldiers and has standard business processes in place.

The Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) consists of over 118,000 trained Soldiers who may be called upon to fill vacancies in Army Reserve units and may replace Soldiers in Active and Reserve Units. Part of the Army's Ready Reserve, the IRR involves individuals who have had training, served previously in the Active Component or the Selected Reserve (such as a member of an Army Reserve unit), and may have some period of military service obligation remaining. Unlike new recruits, these are seasoned, experienced Soldiers who can contribute significantly to Army readiness. All Soldiers have a statutory eight-year military service obligation (MSO), which is established at the time of entry into military service (Active or Reserve).

The IRR, as it exists, is mandated by Congress under Title 10 of the U.S. Code. In accordance with implementing instructions contained in Army Regulation 135-91, members of the IRR can be required to join an Army Reserve unit if they are statutorily obligated and have a skill needed by the Army.

If a member of the IRR desires to volunteer to join a Reserve unit, they may call the Army's Human

Resources Command – St Louis at 1(800) 452-5298, or send an email to the appropriate office through the volunteer link on the HRC-STL Web site at www.hrc.army.mil. On the site, volunteer information can be found under the Mobilization/Demobilization portion of Soldier Services.

Birthdays - June

Happy Birthday to the members of the 378th and their families.

- SSG Pablo Obregon – June 2
- Juan Garcia – June 2
- Rashee Bunch – June 7
- Neil Wagner – June 9
- Kayla Davidson – June 11
- Tiffany Crabtree – June 18
- SPC Daniel Gilles – June 18
- Scott Obregon – June 28
- David Jeter – June 22

Quotable Quotes

"Without discipline the Army would just be a bunch of guys wearing the same color clothing."
-- Frank Burns.

Family Readiness



The big day is coming!! The Old Glory Run is Saturday June 12 @ 0800. I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this a success, we had a few bumps along the way, but it will all be well in the end. Check out the last page of the newsletter for all the info, and be sure and tell all your friends about it.

I also want to say Welcome aboard to PVT Whitney's girlfriend Kasi; She's going to be helping out the FRG.

Thanks Kasi !!

Memorial Day Message

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His oldest son, James Bryan Harlan, said "Nobody wants to see their father die at all, but to have it be while doing something of this significance, we're proud of him."

A son's pride in his father's service brings to mind something President Reagan told veterans in the audience of the fortieth anniversary of D-Day, "You all knew that some things are worth dying for. One's country is worth dying for, and democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man. All of you loved liberty."

It is the love of liberty that motivates young men and women to continue to enlist in the Army even when they know that soon they will serve in dangerous places far from the land and people they love. It is this love of liberty that provides strength and pride to families and loved ones left behind. It is a source of strength for us all.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice. God Bless you, your families, our fellow Soldiers, and the United States of America on this Memorial Day.

*LTG James R. Helmly
Commander, US Army Reserve Command
Chief, Army Reserve*



E Company, 3rd/378th, honors our "brothers in arms" during a Memorial Day weekend event, a free breakfast provided by an Oklahoman American Legion Center, by serving our Nation's World War II Veterans.

Army Reserve Gets More Full-Time Positions

The Active-Guard-Reserve program has seen an increase of approximately 300 new assignment opportunities during this fiscal year. The increase comes as a result of ongoing efforts to add more full-time support to Army Reserve units, officials said. About another 975 positions will also become available during this fiscal year through normal attrition. AGR Soldiers serve in full-time, active-duty positions in worldwide locations. They provide day-to-day operational support needed to ensure Army Reserve units are ready to mobilize when needed. The program, begun in 1979, provides AGR Soldiers with the same benefits as their counterparts in the active Army. This includes active-duty pay and allowances, medical care, commissary and PX privileges and a full retirement after 20 years of active federal service. The AGR program is open to Soldiers who serve in the Army Reserve, the Army National Guard and the active Army. To download an application packet, Soldiers can visit the AGR portion of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Website or call the command's communication hub at 1(800) 318-5298.

Last Civil War Widow Dies

Alberta Martin, the last widow of a Civil War veteran, died on Memorial Day, ending an unlikely ascent from sharecropper's daughter to the belle of 21st century Confederate history buffs who paraded her across the South. She was 97.

Martin died at a nursing home in Enterprise of complications from a heart attack she suffered May 7, said her caretaker, Dr. Kenneth Chancey. She died nearly 140 years after the Civil War ended.

Her May-December marriage in the 1920s to Civil War veteran William Jasper Martin and her longevity made her a celebrated final link to the old Confederacy.

After living in obscurity and poverty for most of her life, in her final years the Sons of Confederate Veterans took her to conventions and rallies, often with a small Confederate battle flag waving in her hand and her clothes the colors of the rebel banner.

Alberta Martin is to be interred at New Ebenezer Baptist Church six miles west of Elba, in an 1860s-style ceremony following her funeral June 12.

Never in recent memory have our Army Values, the Soldier's Creed, and our Warrior Ethos been more important for us to reflect upon than today. Our Army is serving our Nation with great courage and honor during very dangerous times. We enjoy great support and the confidence of the American People, whom we serve, and we are respected around the globe. In view of current events, we must redouble our efforts - hold our heads high - and drive on to accomplish our individual tasks and collective missions.

Integrity is non-negotiable. Everyone has leadership responsibilities when it comes to the Legal, Moral, and Ethical. Discipline is doing what's right when no one is watching. We are proud of you and our Army. Drive on! -
Peter J. Schoomaker

Reenlistments



SFC Dennete and SFC Schall being sworn in by MAJ Todd.

Hooah Humor

How to be Politically Correct when talking about Men (Or Army Men)

He is not quiet...

He is a Conversational Minimalist.

He is a SAMS grad.

He is not stupid...

He suffers from Minimal Cranial Development.

He is a field grade.

He is not balding...

He is in Follicle Regression.

He has a REALLY squared away high and tight.

He does not have a rich daddy...

He is a Recipient of Parental Asset Infusion.

He has the Army as a hobby.

He is not unsophisticated...

He is Socially Challenged.

He is a Ranger.

He does not eat like a pig...

He suffers from Reverse Bulimia.

He eats like a Ranger student at Pizza Hut.

He is not a male chauvinist pig...

He has Swine Empathy.

He must be Combat Arms.

Featured Website

The Soldiers' & Families' Mid-East Resource
www.campdoha.org



The Soldiers' & Families' Mid East Resource page strives to compile information useful to service members

deploying to the Middle East, as well as their families and supporters both at home and abroad. We also try to provide a simple way for family members and supporters to let the members of the armed services know that they stand behind them, and to build a support network.

The Soldiers' & Families' Mid East Resource page continued to grow and is still steadily growing. The page now includes information about other camps in Kuwait, deployment to Iraq,

a fully grown family and soldier support community, and a variety of other useful information for soldiers, families, and supporters.

House, Senate agree to 3.5 % raise for Servicemembers in 2005

By Lisa Burgess, Stars and Stripes European edition, Friday, May 14, 2004

The House and Senate armed services committees have agreed to an across-the-board 3.5 percent pay raise for servicemembers in 2005, as well as making permanent increases in deployment-related pays.

The pay provisions are part of the fiscal 2005 defense authorization bill passed Wednesday night by the House Armed Services Committee; and a different version of the same bill passed last week by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Both bills add money to the Bush administration's proposals for military health care, especially for reservists and their families, and for force protection measures, including more armored Humvees and armor kits for other vehicles for troops in Iraq.

Both committees authorized \$422.2 billion for the Department of Defense in 2005, the full amount requested by the Bush administration and \$20.9 billion more than the amount authorized by the Congress for fiscal 2004.

But because the administration's 2005 proposal did not include funding for operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, the House bill also adds an additional \$25 billion in "emergency" money for those missions.

HASC Chairman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., said Wednesday that the supplemental funds are supposed to last from Oct. 1, the start of fiscal 2005, to January 2005, when DOD officials have said they will submit an additional supplemental request to Congress.

The HASC bill also proposes a plan that would mandate an increase in the

Army's end strength by 30,000, adding 10,000 soldiers each year over the next three years, as well as an increase of 9,000 active duty Marines over three years.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld granted the Army a temporary increase of 30,000 troops earlier this year. But HASC members want the increase codified in law.

The SASC bill, however, supports Rumsfeld's request that the Army increase not be made permanent, and has no provisions to increase the Marine Corps.

The next step in the authorization process is for the full House and Senate to vote on the bills reported out of the respective committees. The Senate is expected to take up the defense bill next week, according to SASC staff members. No date is set for the House.

Once each chamber passes its version of the defense authorization bill, any differences between the two bills must be reconciled, with members meeting in a conference. The resulting "conference report" is submitted to each chamber for a final vote.

Only after the full House and Senate have passed identical versions of the authorization bill can it be sent to the president for signature into law as the defense authorization act.

But while the defense authorization bill provides the authority for defense policies and programs, it doesn't actually fund the measures. That's the function of the defense appropriations, which is a separate piece of legislation under the province of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, not HASC and SASC.

The defense appropriation process for fiscal 2005 is still in its beginning stages: hearings just finished in the House and Senate, and the committees will begin putting together the bills next week.

To read the armed services committee press release;
http://armedservices.house.gov/press_releases/2004/04-05-05mchugh.htm

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Location: Corner of Wylie & Lindsey
Course: 5K USATF Sanctioned/Certified
Awards: Standard USATF, 3-Deep
Unique Military Prizes
Goody Bags

Entry Fee: \$15 with shirt ~ \$10 without
Add \$5 for Race-Day
Registration

Registration: Race-Day Registration
6:30~7:45

Mail Registration Form to:
Old Glory Run, 1507 West
Lindsey

Norman, OK 73069

Contact: For more information call:
405-360-5337, ext. 238
virginiatodd@oldgloryrun.org

**Register
Online**

www.oldgloryrun.org



Benefits the 3rd/378th Family Readiness Group

(Detach and Return with Payment)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
DOB: ____/____/____ Age on Race Day: _____ Gender: M or F
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Shirt: Yes or No
(Circle One)
S M L XL

(If under 18, parent or guardian must sign)

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that there will be a possibility of traffic on the course. I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any and all other risks associated with running this even including, but not limited to; falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather and the conditions of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Furthermore, I agree to yield to all emergency vehicles. **I also am fully aware that baby strollers and wheels of any kind, (except competitive wheelchairs), animals and head phones are strictly prohibited and I agree not to have them on the course. Furthermore, I agree not to go back onto the course after finishing. I am fully aware that it is a fraudulent act to switch race numbers with anyone or allow anyone other than myself to wear my race number and I agree not to do this.** Knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive and release and discharge any and all race sponsors, race officials, volunteers, local and state police including any and all of their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for or on their behalf from any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participating in this event whether same be caused by negligence or fault. This release and waiver extends to all claims of ever kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. The undersigned grants permission to sponsors and or agents authorized by them to use any photos, video tapes, motion picture, or any other record of this event for any purpose. **Minors Accepted only with a parent or guardian's signature.**